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HOUSE BILL 1067

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING; PROVIDING FOR A TASK FORCE TO CREATE AN
ON-LINE NURSING CURRICULUM FOR MILITARY HOSPITAL CORPS MEMBERS
AND MEDICS TO ALLEVIATE THE STATE AND NATIONAL NURSING
SHORTAGE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--TASK FORCE CREATED.--The
board of nursing shall appoint a task force to study, develop
and implement a curriculum that allows military hospital corps
members and medics to earn a licensed practical nurse or
registered nurse diploma. The board of nursing shall convene
the task force, which shall include representatives from the
board of nursing, the New Mexico nurses association, the New
Mexico center for nursing excellence, nursing faculty from
post-secondary educational institutions, student nurses and

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1 military corpsmen and medics.

2 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Fifty thousand dollars
3 (\$50,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of
4 nursing for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 to convene a task
5 force to study the potential benefits of using New Mexico's
6 military hospital corps members and medics to alleviate the
7 state and national nursing shortage and to conduct an in-depth
8 comparison of military and civilian curricula, training and job
9 descriptions for nursing services and devise an on-line
10 curriculum for nursing licensure that allows military hospital
11 corps members and medics to earn either a licensed practical
12 nurse or registered nurse diploma and sit for the corresponding
13 civilian licensure examination. Any unexpended or unencumbered
14 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert
15 to the general fund.